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Economic and Social Council event to discuss relief to development

The Economic and Social Council decides the following with regard to the Economic and Social Council event to discuss relief to development, to be held on 13 July 2007 in the afternoon:

(a) The title of the event will be "Economic and Social Council event to discuss relief to development";

(b) The event will be an informal half-day activity;

(c) There will be no negotiated outcome.

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Participation of non-governmental organizations and civil society entities in the tenth and eleventh sessions of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council, recalling paragraph 15 (a) of its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, entitled "Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development", decides that, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, non-governmental organizations and civil society entities that are not in consultative status with the Council but which received accreditation to the World Summit on the Information Society may participate, on an exceptional basis and without prejudice to the established rules of the United Nations, in the next two meetings of the Commission, this provision being based on the understanding that in the meantime, the said organizations and entities will apply for consultative status with the Council in accordance with existing rules and procedures, and that, in accordance with Council resolution 1996/31, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations is invited to consider such applications, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations and as expeditiously as possible.

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Participation of business sector entities including the private sector in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council, recalling paragraphs 14, 15 (b) and 16 of its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, entitled "Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development":

(a) Decides that, on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to existing rules of procedure, business sector entities including the private sector accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society may participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council;

(b) Requests the secretariat of the Commission to propose to the Council lists of business sector entities including the private sector not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society that express the wish to participate in the work of the Commission, for consideration and approval by the Council in a timely manner, to enable them to participate, on an exceptional basis, in the work of the Commission in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council;

(c) Decides also that, until otherwise decided by the Council, the special arrangement set out in paragraph 15 (b) of Council resolution 2006/46 and paragraph (b) of the present decision shall apply to decision-making with regard to participation of business sector entities including the private sector not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society that may express in the future the wish to participate in the work of the Commission;

(d) Emphasizes that the present decision is taken on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to the established rules of procedure of the United Nations, in particular the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 concerning

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the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, and that it shall not be construed as a precedent;

(e) Decides to review in 2010 the list and modalities of participation of business sector entities including the private sector in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.